

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with --System and Method for Synchronizing Electronic Mail
Between a Client Site and a Central Site--.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 25 line 18, please replace "835" with --830--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (Once Amended) A client system comprising:
2 [retrieving] obtaining means for [retrieving an] obtaining e-mail from a [first]
3 mail [store] server;
4 determining means[, coupled to the retrieving means,] for using a predetermined
5 criterion to determine whether to send the e-mail to a [second] central mail store;
6 establishing means, coupled to the determining means, for establishing a
7 communications channel with the [second] central mail store; and
8 sending means, coupled to the establishing means, for sending [the] e-mail to the
9 [second] central mail store.

- 1 2. (Once Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the [first] mail [store] server
2 implements a first protocol.

- 1 Please cancel claim 3. ✓

- 1 ¹⁰4. (Once Amended) The system of claim 1 [wherein the first mail store stores the e-
2 mails in a folder structure, and] further comprising means for selecting [the] a folder
3 structure for synchronization of all e-mails therein.

A2 1 ~~3~~⁵ (Once Amended) The system of claim [3] ~~2~~ wherein the [retrieving] obtaining
2 means includes an e-mail engine for communicating with the mail server.

A2 1 ~~6~~⁸ (Once Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the predetermined criterion
2 includes a determination of whether [the] e-mail has already been sent to the [second]
3 central mail store.

A2 1 ~~7~~⁹ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~8~~⁶ wherein the determination is resolved by
2 examining a receipt date corresponding to the e-mail and a last synchronization signature
3 indicating the last date of synchronization with the central mail store.

A3 1 ~~9~~¹¹ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~10~~⁸ wherein the [second] central mail store
2 is protected by a firewall and the communications module includes security means for
3 communicating through the firewall.

1 ~~12~~¹³ (Once Amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising a synchronization-
2 start module for using a start criterion to determine when to initiate synchronization with
3 the central mail store.

A4 1 ~~23~~¹⁴ (Once Amended) A client system comprising:
2 an e-mail engine for [retrieving an] obtaining e-mail from a [first] mail [store]
3 server;
4 an e-mail synchronization module[, coupled to the e-mail engine,] for using a
5 predetermined criterion to determine whether to send [the] e-mail to a [second] central
6 mail store;
7 a communications module coupled to the e-mail synchronization module for
8 establishing a communications channel with the [second] central mail store; and
9 a web engine, coupled to the communications module, for sending [the] e-mail to
10 the [second] central mail store.

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1 ~~13.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~14~~²³ wherein the [first] mail [store] server
2 implements a first protocol.

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1 ~~17.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~16~~²³ ~~14~~ wherein the first mail store stores
2 the e-mails in a folder structure, and] further comprising means for selecting [the] a folder
3 structure for synchronization of all e-mails therein.

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1 ~~18.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~16~~²³ ~~15~~ wherein the e-mail engine
2 implements the first protocol used by the mail server to communicate with the mail
3 server.

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1 ~~20.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~14~~²³ wherein the predetermined criterion
2 includes a determination of whether [the] e-mail has already been sent to the [second]
3 central mail store.

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1 ~~21.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~20~~²⁷ wherein the determination is resolved
2 by examining a receipt date corresponding to the e-mail and a last synchronization
3 signature indicating the last date of synchronization with the central mail store.

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1 ~~22.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~14~~²³ wherein the [second] central mail store
2 is protected by a firewall and the communications module includes security means for
3 communicating through the firewall.

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1 ~~23.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~14~~²³ further comprising a synchronization-
2 start module for using a start criterion to determine when to initiate synchronization with
3 the central mail store.

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24. (Once Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program code for
causing a client computer to perform the steps of:
[retrieving] obtaining [an] e-mail from a [first] mail [store] server;
using a predetermined criterion to determine whether to send [the retrieved] e-
mail to a [second] central mail store;
establishing a communications channel with the [second] central mail store; and
sending [the retrieved] e-mail to the [second] central mail store.

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25. (Once Amended) A client-based method comprising:
[retrieving] obtaining an e-mail from a [first] mail [store] server;
using a predetermined criterion to determine whether to send the [retrieved] e-
mail to a [second] central mail store;
establishing a communications channel with the [second] central mail store, if the
predetermined criterion indicates sending the e-mail; and
sending the [retrieved] e-mail to the [second] mail store, if the predetermined
criterion indicates sending the e-mail.

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26. (Once Amended) The method of claim ¹³25 wherein the [first] mail [store] server
implements a first protocol.

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28. (Once Amended) The method of claim [27] ¹³25 [wherein the first mail store stores
the e-mails in a folder structure, and] further comprising means for selecting [the] a folder
structure for synchronization of all e-mails therein.

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31. (Once Amended) The method of claim ¹³25 wherein the step of using a
predetermined criterion includes determining whether [the] e-mail has already been sent
to the [second] central mail store.